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48 Male  
52 Female  
[109]

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1. All in all, do you think that things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

	<u>6/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>12/00</u>	<u>10/00+</u>	<u>9/00+</u>	<u>High</u> <u>2/91+</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>7/92+</u>	
Right direction.....	43	47	52	45	39	48	51	65	14	[138]
Wrong track.....	39	39	32	36	43	32	29	22	71	
Mixed (VOL).....	14	11	11	15	14	18	16	9	9	
Not sure.....	4	3	5	4	4	2	4	4	6	
		<u>7/00+</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	<u>3/00+</u>	<u>1/00</u>				
		48	44	44	49	55				
		32	38	34	34	28				
		17	15	19	15	15				
		3	3	3	2	2				

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- 2a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job George W. Bush is doing as president?

	<u>6/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>	
Approve.....	50	56	57	[139]
Disapprove.....	35	30	22	
Not sure.....	15	14	21	

- 2b. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job George W. Bush is doing in handling the economy?

	<u>6/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>	
Approve.....	50	51	52	[140]
Disapprove.....	38	33	27	
Not sure.....	12	16	21	

2c. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job George W. Bush is doing in handling our foreign policy?

	<u>6/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>	
Approve.....	50	63	53	[141]
Disapprove.....	32	26	20	
Not sure.....	18	11	27	

3. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress is doing?

	<u>6/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>12/00</u>	<u>10/00+</u>	<u>9/00+</u>	<u>High</u> <u>9/98</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>10/90+</u>	
Approve.....	47	43	45	48	55	49	46	61	22	[142]
Disapprove.....	34	33	32	35	30	35	41	28	69	
Not sure.....	19	24	23	17	15	16	13	11	9	
		<u>7/00+</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	<u>3/00+</u>	<u>1/00</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>		
		46	43	42	43	48	45	42		
		42	46	44	40	36	42	45		
		12	11	14	17	16	13	13		
		<u>9/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>1/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	
		40	43	40	49	41	50	44	48	
		49	41	42	38	45	40	42	39	
		11	16	18	13	14	10	14	13	

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4. I'm going to read you the names of several public figures, and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

	<u>Very</u> <u>Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat</u> <u>Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat</u> <u>Negative</u>	<u>Very</u> <u>Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know</u> <u>Name/</u> <u>Not Sure</u>	
<b>George W. Bush</b>							[143]
June 2001.....	30	23	16	15	15	1	
April 2001.....	36	22	15	13	14	-	
March 2001.....	38	24	14	12	11	1	
January 2001.....	25	25	18	13	17	2	
December 2000.....	23	25	16	13	22	1	
November 27, 2000.....	31	19	11	19	20	-	
Likely voters November 2000+.....	30	23	13	13	20	1	
Likely voters October 2000+.....	28	25	15	13	18	1	
September 2000+.....	23	26	15	15	19	2	
August 2000+.....	28	23	17	14	17	1	
July 2000+.....	24	28	14	14	18	2	
<u>High</u>							
March 2001.....	38	24	14	12	11	1	
<u>Low</u>							
March 2000+.....	19	26	21	15	17	2	

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Q.4 (cont'd)

	Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	
<b>Alan Greenspan</b>							[144/150]
June 2001.....	21	34	20	7	4	14	
April 2001.....	25	30	20	7	2	16	
March 2001.....	24	31	25	5	3	12	
January 2001.....	31	25	18	8	3	15	
April 2000+.....	23	28	22	6	4	17	
December 1998.....	23	24	23	4	2	24	
<b>John McCain</b>							[145/151]
June 2001.....	15	29	26	11	6	13	
April 2001.....	17	30	25	9	3	16	
January 2001.....	16	28	29	7	3	17	
July 2000+.....	18	32	25	9	6	10	
June 2000+.....	15	32	25	11	7	10	
April 2000+.....	16	30	27	12	5	10	
March 2000+.....	14	31	25	14	7	9	
January 2000.....	14	20	27	8	3	28	
December 1999.....	12	22	24	4	2	36	
October 1999.....	9	20	22	5	2	42	
April 1999.....	8	14	18	3	3	54	
<b>The Democratic Party</b>							[146/152]
June 2001.....	15	31	24	17	11	2	
March 2001.....	17	27	24	16	14	2	
January 2001.....	21	26	22	16	13	2	
December 2000.....	23	23	18	16	18	2	
October 2000+.....	20	27	20	15	16	2	
September 2000+.....	23	26	19	17	14	1	
August 2000+.....	21	26	23	16	13	1	
July 2000+.....	19	27	24	15	14	1	
June 2000+.....	15	32	23	15	13	2	
April 2000+.....	14	34	21	15	15	1	
March 2000+.....	18	28	27	13	12	2	
<b>High</b>							
January 2000.....	20	30	23	15	10	2	
<b>Low</b>							
December 1994.....	10	23	25	24	16	2	

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Q.4 (cont'd)

	Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	
<b>The Republican Party</b>							<b>[147/153]</b>
June 2001.....	13	30	21	19	16	1	
March 2001.....	18	31	21	15	14	1	
January 2001.....	14	30	25	15	14	2	
December 2000.....	18	26	23	14	18	1	
October 2000+.....	14	29	25	16	14	2	
September 2000+.....	14	33	19	20	13	1	
August 2000+.....	19	27	23	14	15	2	
July 2000+.....	15	28	24	16	15	2	
June 2000+.....	9	30	28	16	15	2	
April 2000+.....	11	31	25	16	15	2	
March 2000.....	13	26	27	17	14	3	
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<i>High</i>							
January 1995.....	17	33	25	13	9	3	
<i>Low</i>							
March 1999.....	1	22	23	19	23	2	
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<b>Bill Clinton</b>							<b>[148]</b>
June 2001*.....	18	21	15	15	31	-	
April 2001.....	20	20	15	11	34	-	
March 2001.....	17	17	13	14	38	1	
January 2001.....	32	24	11	12	21	-	
December 2000.....	33	23	11	12	21	-	
Likely voters November 2000+.....	22	20	11	11	35	1	
Likely voters October 2000+.....	25	23	8	12	32	-	
September 2000+.....	25	25	10	13	27	-	
August 2000+.....	24	22	11	13	30	-	
July 2000+.....	22	27	11	12	28	-	
June 2000+.....	20	27	12	14	27	-	
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<i>High</i>							
January 1993.....	33	31	15	9	7	5	
<i>Low</i>							
March 2001.....	17	17	13	14	38	1	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

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Q.4 (cont'd)

	Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	
<b>Dick Cheney</b>							<b>[149]</b>
June 2001*.....	26	22	22	14	11	5	
April 2001.....	31	21	22	10	9	7	
March 2001.....	30	26	22	8	6	8	
January 2001.....	23	26	26	9	7	9	
December 2000.....	23	26	22	10	11	8	
October 2000+.....	25	24	26	8	9	8	
September 2000+.....	17	26	22	12	8	15	
July 2000+.....	19	23	26	9	6	17	
<b>Al Gore</b>							<b>[154]</b>
June 2001**.....	14	24	25	17	18	2	
March 2001.....	16	25	22	17	19	1	
January 2001.....	22	29	15	15	18	1	
December 2000.....	23	21	11	14	30	1	
November 27, 2000.....	31	16	10	17	26	-	
Likely voters November 2000+.....	25	22	15	17	20	1	
Likely voters October 2000+.....	24	25	11	15	25	-	
September 2000+.....	26	26	14	15	18	1	
August 2000+.....	22	22	19	15	21	1	
July 2000+.....	17	26	18	15	23	1	
June 2000+.....	12	25	24	17	21	1	
<b>High</b>							
January 1993.....	23	32	22	9	6	8	
<b>Low</b>							
June 2000+.....	12	25	24	17	21	1	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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5a. How confident are you that George W. Bush has the right set of personal characteristics to be president of the United States--extremely confident, quite confident, only somewhat confident, or not at all confident?

	George W. Bush		Bill Clinton	
	6/01	1/01	1/93	
Extremely confident.....	19	19	16	<b>[155]</b>
Quite confident.....	22	21	31	
Only somewhat confident.....	31	36	37	
Not at all confident.....	27	22	13	
Not sure.....	1	2	3	

- 5b. As you may know, Vermont Senator Jim Jeffords left the Republican Party to become an independent, which means that the Democrats now control the Senate, while the Republicans continue to control the House of Representatives and the White House. Overall, do you think that this will make things better because there will be more checks and balances, will make things worse because it will be harder to get legislation passed, or will not make much difference either way? \*

Make things better.....	34	<b>[156]</b>
Make things worse.....	27	
Not make much difference either way.....	37	
Not sure.....	2	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 6a. Now I'd like to read you a list of legislative priorities. Please tell me which ONE you feel is the most important priority for the President and Congress to address this year.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF TOP PRIORITY

	<b>Q.6a Top Priority</b>		<b>Q.6a/b COMBINED Top/Second Priorities</b>	
Reforming the education system.....	26		46	<b>[157-160]</b>
Promoting energy exploration or conservation.....	19		33	<b>&gt;</b>
Adding prescription drug benefits to Medicare coverage.....	15		29	
Reforming the Social Security system.....	13		31	
Passing a patients' bill of rights.....	7	<b>CONTINUE</b>	15	
Increasing the minimum wage.....	6		14	
Building a missile defense system.....	3		8	
All equally important (VOL).....	9	<b>Skip to</b>	10	
None important (VOL).....	1	<b>Q.7a</b>	2	
Not sure.....	1		2	

**(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO CHOOSE A MOST IMPORTANT PRIORITY IN Q.6a.)**

- 6b. And which of these issues do you think should be the next priority for the President and Congress to address this year?

7. When it comes to **(READ ITEM)**, which party do you think would do a better job--the Democratic Party, the Republican Party, both about the same, or neither?

	<u>Party Advantage</u>	<u>Democratic Party</u>	<u>Republican Party</u>	<u>Both About The Same</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
<b>Dealing with education</b>							[161/168 ]
June 2001.....	D-7	33	26	27	10	4	
December 1999.....	D-13	37	24	25	10	4	
March 1999.....	D-14	37	23	27	9	4	
October 1998+.....	D-19	40	21	28	7	4	
September 1998.....	D-16	38	22	29	8	3	
September 1997.....	D-20	40	20	22	12	6	
October 1996.....	D-23	46	23	14	9	8	
May 1996+.....	D-16	40	24	19	12	5	
December 1995.....	D-10	35	25	19	14	7	
June 1995.....	D-9	35	26	21	11	7	
October 1994.....	D-13	34	21	24	15	6	
October 1993.....	D-8	32	24	16	24	4	
July 1992+.....	D-25	42	17	25	12	4	
October 1991+.....	D-14	28	14	33	18	7	
October 1990+.....	D-18	33	15	30	14	8	
November 1989+.....	D-15	30	15	32	15	8	
<b>Dealing with the economy</b>							[162/169 ]
June 2001.....	D-6	37	31	20	6	6	
December 1999.....	D-3	34	31	24	7	4	
March 1999.....	D-6	35	29	26	6	4	
September 1998.....	-	31	31	29	6	3	
September 1997.....	R-9	25	34	26	9	6	
October 1996.....	D-4	36	32	15	10	7	
May 1996+.....	R-4	26	30	27	14	3	
December 1995.....	R-8	22	30	27	17	4	
June 1995.....	R-12	17	29	29	23	2	
October 1994.....	R-8	22	30	28	16	4	
July 1994.....	R-11	18	29	32	17	4	
June 1994.....	R-5	21	26	39	12	2	
October 1993.....	R-5	22	27	20	28	3	
March 1993.....	D-16	34	18	34	11	3	
July 1992+.....	D-8	26	18	35	18	3	
May 1992.....	D-6	29	23	26	17	5	
January 1992+.....	D-5	28	23	33	12	4	
October 1991+.....	R-1	27	28	26	14	5	

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Q.7 (cont'd)	Party Advantage	Democratic Party	Republican Party	Both About The Same	Neither	Not Sure	
<b>Dealing with Social Security</b>							<b>[163]</b>
June 2001*.....	D-15	38	23	22	11	6	
December 1999.....	D-15	38	23	18	14	7	
March 1999.....	D-18	39	21	23	11	6	
October 1998 +.....	D-23	44	21	25	6	4	
September 1998.....	D-16	37	21	25	13	4	
July 1998.....	D-9	28	19	34	14	5	
January 1998.....	D-11	26	15	34	18	7	
September 1997.....	D-14	33	19	18	22	8	
October 1996.....	D-12	36	24	17	15	8	
December 1995.....	D-22	44	22	14	14	6	
June 1995.....	D-9	35	26	16	15	8	
November 1994.....	D-5	32	27	15	16	10	
<b>Dealing with energy policy</b>							<b>[164]</b>
June 2001*.....	D-8	35	27	19	10	9	
<b>Dealing with health care</b>							<b>[165]</b>
June 2001*.....	D-21	41	20	21	12	6	
December 1999.....	D-26	43	17	21	13	6	
March 1999.....	D-24	42	18	23	12	5	
October 1998+.....	D-20	41	21	26	8	4	
September 1998.....	D-20	40	20	24	13	3	
June 1998.....	D-13	25	12	34	23	6	
May 1996.....	D-20	42	22	16	17	3	
December 1995.....	D-21	43	22	13	16	6	
October 1994.....	D-12	37	25	12	20	6	
July 1994.....	D-16	37	21	18	18	6	
May 1994.....	D-9	26	17	38	15	4	
October 1993.....	D-28	44	16	16	18	6	
March 1993.....	D-48	57	9	17	12	5	
July 1992+.....	D-34	44	10	21	19	6	
April 1992+.....	D-36	48	12	17	18	5	
October 1991+.....	D-34	46	12	18	16	8	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

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Q.7 (cont'd)	Party Advantage	Democratic Party	Republican Party	Both About The Same	Neither	Not Sure	
<b>Dealing with taxes</b>							<b>[166]</b>
June 2001*.....	R-8	28	36	20	11	5	
December 1999.....	R-3	30	33	19	13	5	
March 1999.....	R-6	29	35	20	12	4	
October 1998+.....	-	32	32	21	10	5	
September 1998.....	R-6	29	35	22	11	3	
September 1997.....	R-5	26	31	20	16	7	
October 1996.....	R-5	30	35	15	13	7	
May 1996+.....	R-9	25	34	17	19	5	
December 1995.....	R-8	26	34	14	20	6	
June 1995.....	R-13	22	35	15	22	6	
November 1994.....	R-13	23	36	16	17	8	
October 1994.....	R-15	23	38	17	18	4	
October 1993.....	R-11	23	34	16	23	4	
<b>Protecting the budget surplus</b>							<b>[167]</b>
June 2001*.....	D-3	31	28	21	13	7	
<b>Promoting strong moral values</b>							<b>[170]</b>
June 2001**.....	R-22	18	40	23	16	3	
December 1999.....	R-21	16	37	23	20	4	
<b>Ensuring a strong national defense</b>							<b>[171]</b>
June 2001**.....	R-41	14	55	21	5	5	
December 1999.....	R-28	18	46	24	6	6	
<b>Protecting the environment</b>							<b>[172]</b>
June 2001**.....	D-37	52	15	21	7	5	
December 1999.....	D-29	43	14	25	11	7	
September 1998.....	D-33	45	12	30	9	4	
May 1996.....	D-28	45	17	18	3	7	
December 1995.....	D-32	45	13	20	13	9	
October 1993.....	D-29	44	15	13	22	6	
July 1992+.....	D-27	38	11	27	18	6	
October 1991.....	D-23	39	16	24	12	9	
<b>Dealing with Medicare</b>							<b>[173]</b>
June 2001**.....	D-24	44	20	20	8	8	
December 1999.....	D-24	42	18	21	12	7	
March 1999.....	D-23	41	18	23	10	8	
September 1997.....	D-18	34	16	25	20	5	
October 1996.....	D-14	34	20	24	16	6	
May 1996+.....	D-19	45	26	12	11	6	
December 1995.....	D-20	44	24	13	13	6	
June 1995.....	D-11	33	22	18	19	8	
<b>Promoting patients' rights</b>							<b>[174]</b>
June 2001**.....	D-29	44	15	22	8	11	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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- 8a. Which one of the following would you say is George W. Bush's most important accomplishment so far in his presidency?

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE*

Cutting taxes.....	27	<b>[175]</b>
Changing the tone in Washington and bringing integrity to the White House.....	24	
Passing the education reform bill.....	14	
Being a good leader on family issues and religion.....	8	
Dealing with major foreign policy issues.....	5	
Dealing with energy issues.....	3	
None/other (VOL).....	15	
Not sure.....	4	

- 8b. Which one of the following would you say is George W. Bush's biggest shortcoming so far in his presidency?

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE*

He has cut taxes too much for the wealthy and special interests.....	20	<b>[176]</b>
He is promoting a costly missile defense plan that may not work.....	17	
He has not mastered the job of being president.....	16	
He is promoting policies that threaten the environment...	16	
His policies have been too conservative.....	7	
He has compromised conservative principles.....	4	
None/other (VOL).....	11	
Not sure.....	9	

**Now I'd like to ask you a few questions about the budget and taxes.**

- 9a. As you may know, Congress recently passed and President Bush signed a bill that will cut taxes by an estimated one-point-three-five trillion dollars over eleven years. Do you favor or oppose this tax cut? **(IF "FAVOR/OPPOSE," ASK:)** And do you strongly (favor/oppose) or somewhat (favor/oppose) this tax cut?

Strongly favor.....	34	<b>[177]</b>
Somewhat favor.....	27	
Somewhat oppose.....	13	
Strongly oppose.....	20	
Not sure.....	6	

- 9b. What do you mainly plan to do with any money you receive from the tax rebate--spend it, save it, pay off bills, or something else? \*\*

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Pay off bills.....	40	<b>[178]</b>
Save.....	29	
Spend.....	14	
Something else.....	10	
Depends (VOL).....	2	
Not sure.....	5	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 9c. Do you think it is likely or unlikely that each of the following things will happen as a result of the tax bill that President Bush just signed into law?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY LIKELY

	<u>Likely</u>	<u>Unlikely</u>	<u>Depends</u> <u>(VOL)</u>	<u>Not</u> <u>Sure</u>	
The country will return to deficit spending sometime in the future.....	55	31	5	9	<b>[180]</b>
There will be less money available for domestic programs such as education and Social Security.....	53	38	3	6	<b>[179]</b>
The tax cut will help stimulate the economy.....	52	40	3	5	<b>[208]</b>

10. Now let me read you a short list of household expenses that have been going up in many areas. Please tell me which ONE increase has had the most important impact on your household?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

The cost of gasoline.....	50	<b>[209]</b>
The cost of electricity.....	24	
The cost of medicine.....	19	
The cost of cable television.....	2	
The cost of wireless phone service.....	1	
None/other (VOL).....	3	
Not sure.....	1	

Now I'd like to turn to the subject of energy policy.

- 11a. Would you say that the United States is currently experiencing an energy crisis, would you say that it is a problem but not a crisis, or would you say that the country does not have an energy problem at this time?

	<u>6/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>	
Energy crisis.....	25	35	32	<b>[210]</b>
Problem but not a crisis.....	60	55	54	
Not a problem.....	12	8	13	
Other (VOL).....	1	1	-	
Not sure.....	2	1	1	

11b. When you think about the country's energy problem, do you think primarily about **(READ LIST)**?

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE*

The shortage of electricity and natural gas.....	35	<b>[211]</b>
The price of electricity and natural gas.....	32	
The price of gasoline.....	28	
None/other (VOL).....	3	
Not sure.....	2	

11c. Who or what do you think is most to blame for our energy situation today? **(READ LIST. IF "NOT SURE," ASK:)** Well, if you had to choose, which do you think is most to blame?

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE*

Energy companies.....	21	<b>[212-213]</b>
OPEC or major oil-producing countries.....	18	
Businesses and consumers for not conserving enough energy.....	14	
Federal government policies.....	10	
Environmental regulations are too strict.....	9	
State government policies.....	7	
Energy market conditions.....	6	
All (VOL).....	11	
Not a problem (VOL).....	-	
Not sure.....	4	

12a. I'm going to read you two statements about oil and gas exploration in the United States, and I'd like to know which one comes closer to your point of view.

**Statement A:** Our first priority should be protecting the environment, even if it means that energy supplies would be more limited.

**Statement B:** Our first priority should be developing energy supplies in the United States, even if it means making some compromises on the environment.

	<u>6/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>	
<b>Statement A</b> /environment priority.....	43	44	<b>[214]</b>
<b>Statement B</b> /energy priority.....	48	44	
Some of both (VOL).....	6	8	
Not sure.....	3	4	

- 12b. Now I would like to mention several proposals that have been made to help solve America's energy problems. For each one, please tell me whether you favor or oppose that proposal? **(IF "FAVOR/OPPOSE," ASK:)** Would you strongly (favor/oppose) or just somewhat (favor/oppose) that proposal?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT FAVOR

	Strongly Favor	Somewhat Favor	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Not Sure	
Require automakers to produce more fuel-efficient cars.....	68	19	6	4	3	[216/223]
Create financial incentives for businesses and consumers to conserve energy *.....	58	27	8	4	3	[221]
Increase spending on finding ways to burn coal cleanly **.....	43	36	9	7	5	[228]
Make permitting and building new power plants easier.....	38	31	13	11	7	[217/224]
Place federal price controls on gasoline.....	31	25	16	22	6	[218/225]
Place federal price controls on electricity and natural gas *.....	31	23	21	20	5	[219]
Place mandatory conservation regulations on businesses and consumers **.....	26	27	21	21	5	[227]
Build additional nuclear power plants **.....	23	25	18	28	6	[226]
Allow drilling for oil and gas in the Alaskan Arctic National Wildlife Refuge *.....	22	21	15	35	7	[220]
Relax clean air and environmental standards.....	15	15	18	47	5	[215/222]

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 12c. From what you have heard so far, do you think that President Bush's environmental and energy policies lean too much toward producing more energy, lean too much toward protecting the environment, or do they provide the right balance between the two?

	6/01*	4/01	
Lean too much toward producing more energy.....	38	30	[229]
Lean too much toward protecting the environment.....	6	6	
Provide the right balance.....	37	41	
Not sure.....	19	23	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 12d. I'm going to read you two statements about President Bush's energy proposals, and I'd like to know which one comes closer to your point of view.

**Statement A:** Large energy producers and other corporate special interests have had too much influence over President Bush's energy policies.

**Statement B:** President Bush's energy policies balance the interests of energy producers, consumers, and environmentalists. \*\*

<b>Statement A/</b> Corporate interests have too much influence....	56	[230]
<b>Statement B/</b> Balance of interests.....	32	
Some of both (VOL).....	4	
Not sure.....	8	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

**Now I'd like to ask you a few questions on different issues.**

13. President Bush has announced that the United States will not join the proposed Kyoto Treaty on global warming. Do you think that the United States should join the treaty, should not to join the treaty, or do you not know enough to say?

U.S. should join the treaty.....	31	<b>[231]</b>
U.S. should not join the treaty.....	19	
Don't know enough to say.....	48	
Not sure.....	2	

- 14a. Turning to the issue of education, I'd like to know how well you think our public schools are working. When it comes to education in grades K through twelve, please tell me whether you think **(a)** our public schools work pretty well as they are now, **(b)** some changes are needed, but basically they should be kept the same, **(c)** major changes are needed, or **(d)** a complete overhaul is needed.

Work pretty well now.....	7	<b>[232]</b>
Some changes needed, but basically should be kept the same.....	36	
Major changes needed.....	34	
Complete overhaul needed.....	20	
Not sure.....	3	

- 14b. As you may know, the Senate recently passed an education reform bill that will substantially increase federal funding for education, give states greater authority over how these funds are spent, require that states test most students every year in grades three through eight, and hold schools accountable for their students' performance. Assuming this bill is signed into law, how much do you think it will improve the quality of education in this country--will it improve it a lot, a fair amount, some, a little, or not at all?

Improve it a lot.....	14	<b>[233]</b>
Improve it a fair amount.....	27	
Improve it some.....	29	
Improve it a little.....	19	
Not improve it at all.....	8	
Not sure.....	3	

15. Currently there are two plans before Congress to help seniors pay for prescription drugs.

**Plan A** would provide prescription drug coverage for all seniors through the Medicare program, but the cost for this program would be higher than the current federal budget for Medicare allows.

**Plan B** would allow seniors the option of privately purchasing a supplemental Medicare policy that would cover prescription drug costs, and this plan would fit within the current federal budget for Medicare.

Which plan do you favor more--Plan A or Plan B?

<b>Plan A</b> --coverage for all seniors.....	32	<b>[234]</b>
<b>Plan B</b> --option to purchase privately.....	56	
Neither/other (VOL).....	2	
Depends (VOL).....	3	
Not sure.....	7	

16a. Who do you trust more to write a patients' bill of rights into law--President Bush or the Democrats in Congress?

President Bush.....	27	<b>[235]</b>
Democrats in Congress.....	48	
Trust both equally (VOL).....	5	
Neither/other (VOL).....	10	
Depends (VOL).....	2	
Not sure.....	8	

16b. Which concerns you more as Congress considers a patients' bill of rights--that a new law will go too far, which would make HMO membership and insurance coverage more expensive, or that a new law will not go far enough, which would leave HMOs able to deny needed coverage?

Will go too far.....	30	<b>[236]</b>
Will not go far enough.....	53	
Depends (VOL).....	5	
Not sure.....	12	

16c. Those who favor giving patients a broad right to sue as part of a patients' bill of rights say that it will force HMOs to be more accountable in covering needed procedures, and that lawsuits will be rare. Opponents say that a broad right to sue will lead to many frivolous lawsuits that will drive up the costs of health insurance so much that some people will lose insurance coverage. Who do you agree with more--the supporters of a broad right to sue or the opponents?

Agree more with supporters.....	39	<b>[237]</b>
Agree more with opponents.....	45	
Depends (VOL).....	5	
Neither/other (VOL).....	3	
Not sure.....	8	

#### Switching subjects now.

17a. Do you favor or oppose the United States's building a missile defense system? \*

Favor.....	43	<b>[238]</b>
Oppose.....	43	
Not sure.....	14	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

17b. Do you think that it is or is not possible for the United States to build a missile defense system? \*\*

Is possible.....	74	<b>[239]</b>
Is not possible.....	16	
Not sure.....	10	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 18a. During the spring, the United States Senate passed a campaign finance bill sponsored by Senators John McCain and Russ Feingold that would ban so-called soft money contributions to the two national political parties, increase individual contribution limits, and restrict issue advertisements run by corporations, interest groups, and unions close to an election. If the bill reaches President Bush, do you think that he should sign the bill or veto the bill, or do you not care either way?

	<u>6/01</u> **	<u>4/01</u>	
Sign the bill.....	51	51	[240]
Veto the bill.....	20	14	
Don't care either way.....	22	23	
Not sure.....	7	12	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 18b. During the spring, the United States Senate passed a campaign finance bill that would ban so-called soft money contributions to the two national political parties, increase individual contribution limits, and restrict issue advertisements run by corporations, interest groups, and unions close to an election. If the bill reaches President Bush, do you think that he should sign the bill or veto the bill, or do you not care either way? \*

Sign the bill.....	48	[241]
Veto the bill.....	19	
Don't care either way.....	26	
Not sure.....	7	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

19. John McCain has been outspoken on several major issues in recent months, including many in opposition to President Bush. Which of the following statements do you agree with more--that John McCain is acting on principle, or that John McCain is just advancing his own political career? \*\*

Acting on principle.....	41	[242]
Just advancing his political career.....	39	
Some of both (VOL).....	10	
Neither/other (VOL).....	1	
Not sure.....	9	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

20. The president will, in most cases, appoint federal judges who agree with his basic philosophy and ideology. Do you think that the proper role of the Senate is to confirm his selections as judges if they are qualified and of good character, or do you think that the Senate should refuse to confirm them if it disagrees with the judges' political philosophy and ideology? \*

Proper role to confirm.....	45	[243]
Senate should refuse.....	38	
Some of both (VOL).....	8	
Not sure.....	9	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).



21. In July, President Bush will be considering whether to tighten the trade embargo against Cuba by making it more difficult for foreign companies that do business in the United States to also invest in Cuba. Would you support or oppose President Bush's tightening the trade embargo against Cuba? **(IF "SUPPORT/OPPOSE," ASK:)** And would you strongly (support/oppose) or somewhat (support/oppose) President Bush's tightening the embargo? \*\*

Strongly support.....	25	<b>[244]</b>
Somewhat support.....	19	
Somewhat oppose.....	20	
Strongly oppose.....	25	
Not sure.....	11	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

22. The Federal Bureau of Investigation, or the FBI, will be getting a new director sometime this summer. I would like to know how well you think the FBI is working right now. Do you think **(a)** the FBI works pretty well as it is now, **(b)** some changes are needed, but basically it should be kept the same, **(c)** major changes are needed, or **(d)** a complete overhaul is needed? \*

Works pretty well as it is now.....	19	<b>[245]</b>
Some changes are needed.....	36	
Major changes are needed.....	20	
Complete overhaul is needed.....	15	
Not sure.....	10	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

23. There is a type of medical research that involves using special cells, called stem cells, that are obtained from human embryos. These human embryo stem cells are then used to generate new cells and tissue that could help treat or cure many diseases. I am now going to read you two statements about this type of research.

**Statement A:** Those OPPOSED to this type of research say that it crosses an ethical line by using cells from potentially viable human embryos, when this research can be done on animals or by using other types of cells.

**Statement B:** Those IN FAVOR of this research say that it could lead to breakthrough cures for many diseases, such as cancer, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, and spinal cord injuries, and this research uses only embryos that otherwise would be discarded.

Who do you agree with more--those opposed or those in favor?

Agree more with those opposed.....	23	<b>[246]</b>
Agree more with those in favor.....	69	
Depends (VOL).....	3	
Not sure.....	5	

**FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.**

- F1. Are you currently registered to vote in the precinct or election district where you now live, or haven't you had a chance to register yet?

Registered.....	86	<b>[260]</b>
Not registered.....	12	
Not sure.....	2	

- F2. Did you happen to vote in the 2000 presidential election? (IF "YES," ASK:) For whom did you vote-- George W. Bush, the Republican, Al Gore, the Democrat, Ralph Nader, the Green Party candidate, or Pat Buchanan, the Reform Party candidate?

<b>Yes, Voted</b>		<b>[261]</b>
George W. Bush.....	36	
Al Gore.....	32	
Ralph Nader.....	3	
Pat Buchanan.....	-	
Other candidate (VOL).....	2	
Not sure who voted for (VOL).....	-	
<b>No, Did Not Vote</b> .....	19	
Was too young to vote (VOL).....	1	
<b>Not Sure/Refused</b> .....	7	

- F3. How old are you? (IF "REFUSED," ASK:) Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to?

18-24.....	9	<b>[262-263]</b>
25-29.....	7	
30-34.....	11	
35-39.....	9	
40-44.....	11	
45-49.....	11	
50-54.....	10	
55-59.....	7	
60-64.....	5	
65-69.....	6	
70-74.....	5	
75 and over.....	7	
Refused.....	2	

- F4. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

Grade school.....	1	<b>[264-265]</b>
Some high school.....	5	
High school graduate.....	30	
Some college, no degree.....	19	
Vocational training/2-year college.....	9	
4-year college/bachelor's degree.....	20	
Some postgraduate work, no degree.....	2	
2 or 3 years postgraduate work/master's degree....	10	
Doctoral/law degree.....	2	
Not sure/refused.....	2	

- F5. Do you currently have any children living in your home who attend kindergarten or who are enrolled in grades one through twelve?

Yes.....	29	<b>[266]</b>
No.....	69	
Refused.....	2	

F6. Are you currently employed? (IF "CURRENTLY EMPLOYED," ASK:) What type of work do you do?

(IF NOT "CURRENTLY EMPLOYED," ASK:) Are you a student, a homemaker, retired, or unemployed and looking for work?

<u>Currently Employed</u>		<b>[267-268]</b>
Professional, manager.....	22	
White-collar worker.....	23	
Blue-collar worker.....	18	
Farmer, rancher.....	1	
<u>Not Currently Employed</u>		
Student.....	3	
Homemaker.....	6	
Retired.....	23	
Unemployed, looking for work.....	2	
Other.....	-	
Not sure.....	2	

F7. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? (IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? (IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democratic Party, closer to the Republican Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent?

Strong Democrat.....	21	<b>[275]</b>
Not very strong Democrat.....	9	
Independent/lean Democrat.....	10	
Strictly independent.....	19	
Independent/lean Republican.....	8	
Not very strong Republican.....	10	
Strong Republican.....	15	
Other .....	3	
Not sure/nothing.....	5	

F8. Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself to be liberal, moderate, or conservative?

Liberal.....	23	<b>[276]</b>
Moderate.....	43	
Conservative.....	29	
Not sure.....	5	

F9. Are you currently single and never married, married, separated, widowed, or divorced?

Single.....	24	<b>[277]</b>
Married.....	55	
Separated.....	3	
Widowed.....	7	
Divorced.....	8	
Other (VOL).....	1	
Not sure/refused.....	2	

F10. In what religion were you brought up?

Protestant.....	48	<b>CONTINUE</b>	<b>[278]</b>
Catholic.....	31		
Jewish.....	1		
Other.....	11	<b>Skip to Q.F12</b>	
None.....	5		
Not sure/refused.....	4		

**(ASK ONLY OF PROTESTANTS IN Q.F10.)**

F11. Would you describe yourself as either a fundamentalist or an evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way?

Fundamentalist/evangelical.....	18	<b>[279]</b>
Neither fundamentalist nor evangelical.....	26	
Not sure.....	4	
Non-Protestants (Q.F10).....	52	

F12. Are you a member of a labor union? **(IF "NO," ASK:)** Is anyone else in this household a member of a labor union?

Labor union member.....	11	<b>[280]</b>
Labor union household.....	5	
Non-union household.....	81	
Not sure.....	3	

F13a. Are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

Yes.....	8	<b>[309]</b>
No.....	90	
Not sure/refused.....	2	

F13b. What is your race--white, black, Asian, or something else?

White.....	79	<b>[310]</b>
Black.....	10	
Asian.....	1	
Other.....	3	
Hispanic (VOL).....	4	
Not sure/refused.....	3	

- F14. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than ten thousand dollars, between ten thousand dollars and twenty thousand dollars, between twenty thousand dollars and thirty thousand dollars, between thirty thousand dollars and forty thousand dollars, between forty thousand dollars and fifty thousand dollars, between fifty thousand dollars and seventy-five thousand dollars, between seventy-five thousand dollars and one hundred thousand dollars, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000.....	3	[311]
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000.....	7	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000.....	10	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000.....	10	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000.....	13	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000.....	18	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000.....	11	
More than \$100,000.....	9	
Not sure/refused.....	19	